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Dear Sir;

I think it is very important that the Microsoft settlement is accepted. The last thing this country needs now is more litigation on this issues. The antitrust laws should first serve the consumers. The consumers have spoken with their dollars and purchased Microsoft products where they were superior to others in the market and/or at a lower price. Second the antitrust laws are not meant to protect businesses form competition. Those special interest groups and companies who have not be able to successfully compete with Microsoft should work on their own products and company and not ask the Government to hand cuff Microsoft so they can win in the market place. And third, unfettered competition among business generally benefits consumers even if a single firm captures most or all of the market. This is the case in the software market. The consumer wins and is winning with lower priced better products.

Settle this case now and let the high tech software industry get back to helping our economy thrive again.

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